(iii) Stocks arc also accepted on suitable dunnage such as wooden crates or bamboo mats sandwiched with polythene film to avoid absorption of floor seepage.

(iv) Stocks are properly stacked and periodically inspected very fortnight to check development of insect infestation, if any.

(v) The stocks are prophylactically treated with Daltamethrin, Malathion, DDVP for prevention of insect infestation.

(vi) In case of detection of insect infestation immediate curative action by way of fumigation with suitable fumigant is undertaken.

(vii) The stocks are issued on "first-in-first-out" basis so as to avoid damage to stocks due to prolonged storage.

Distribution of rice under PDS in Karnataka

1970. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monthly requirement of rice for distribution under Public Distribution System in Karnataka;

(b) whether Karnataka is facing shortage of rice;

(c) if so, what is the extent of shortage; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to supply required quantity of rice to Kartanaka under PDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) With the introduction of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from June, 1997, the allocation of foodgrains to States/UTs are made as per TPDS guideline for families Below Poverty Line (BPL) and families Above Poverty Line (APL); and these are not demand based.

The monthly allocation of rice being given to Karnataka is as under:—

(fig. in tonnes)

	BPL	APL	Total
Rice	62,585	37,000	99,585

(b) to (d) The Government of Karnataka have not requested for any additional allocation of rice under T.P.D.S. The offtake of rice was 98% in case of BPL and 79% in case of APL during the period April—June, 2001. All the States/UTs including Karnataka have been allowed to lift additional quantities of foodgrains which may be required by them under T.P.D.S. from Food Corporation of India at APL rates or the open market sales rates under the open market sales scheme whichever are lower.

Transportation of foodgrains for Antyodaya Scheme

1971. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering various options to reduce the Rs. 150 crore burden that the State Government are reluctant to bear for transporting the 30 lakh tonnes of foodgrains to be provided under the Antyodaya Scheme for the poorest of the poor;

(b) if so, whether any decision in this regard has been taken;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether all the burden on transportation of foodgrains for the poor will be fully compensated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (c) Some State Governments/UT Administrations have raised the issue regarding the burden of additional expenses towards transportation and dealers margins in respect of foodgrains distributed under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY). Flexibility has been given to the State Governments/ UT Administrations in the matter of fixing the margin for the fair price